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UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE CABBAGE CAKE.

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AND HE had a grouch JUST LIKE bankers have. AND MERCHANTS have. AND MINISTERS have. AND WRITERS have. AND MOST everybody has EVERY ONCE in a white. AND A city editor.

OF A city paper. PICKED HIM up. AND GAVE him the number. AND GAVE him the street. AND HE sat in his seat ALL DOUBLED up. AND DROVE away.

AND GOT sore at trucks. AND TURNED short corners. ON A couple of wheels. AND SCARED the editor ALMOST TO death. AND WOLLDN'T slow up WHEN HE was asked. AND WHERE he was going.

WAS A tenement house. WHERE A family of six. LIVED ALL together. IN A couple of rooms. AND THEY had no fuel. AND LITTLE food.

AND THE city editor. HAD GONE down there. TO INVESTIGATE.
AND THAT'S what he found

AND HE came downstairs. THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WA



The young lady across the way says her mother is bound to keep the lines of her figure perfectly natural no mathematical perfectly natural new p much she has to squeeze to position to have anything in the slight-est to be grateful for."

AND THEY drove away. TO THE grocery store. AND THE driver sat. ALL DOUBLED up. WITH HIS terrible grouch AND THE taxi stopped. IN FRONT of the store AND THE city editor. WENT INSIDE. AND AFTER a while. HE CAME out again. AND HIS arms were full AND HE asked the driver. TO GO inside. FOR ANOTHER load. AND THE driver was sore BUT HG went inside. AND GOT his load. AND THEY drove away TO THE tenement place AND THE city editor. TOOK HIS lead. AND THE grouchy driver. TOOK HIS load. AND THEY went upstairs AND THE mother was there. AND THE father was there. AND THE hids were there. ANICTHE mother cried. AND THE father cried. AND ON the way back. TO THE prespaper office THE TAXE driver. SAT BIGHT up straight AND WHEN he was through HE WOULDN'T take any pay.

### HE HOPED SO, TOO.

A very dressed and charming young lady halled a four-wheeler, there being no taxiosb in sight fust as she you getting in she noticed that the horse seemed inclined to be fricky. He was simping about nod swithing his tall in a way that sixmed herethe was a timid little thing.

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So she addressed a few words to the aged Jehn. "I hope," she said, smiling bravely, "that you will not run away with me." The cabby sighed mournfully. "No, supm." he rerdied, "I have a wife and seven kids at home already."

### COULD GO NO FURTHER.

hold must remove their shoes before enroring the house.

"Bill," she remonstrated with her husband. "I found a grease spot on one of the dining room chairs, and I think it came off those pants you wear in

canic eruption.
"Well, Mirandy, for the last 15 years I have taken off my shoes every time I come into this house, but I'll be hanged if I'll go further."

"It seems to me all that needs to be done is to put the cabbage into the cabe of a cabbage cake, after she wined the bunny rabbit gentleman to himself "That's what I'll do. I'll make the cabbage cake and Nurse Jane and it for our New Year's dinner."

The rabbit gentleman looked at the large on the kitchen fable—at the cab-

AND BACK to the taxi.

PROM THE editor.

I THANK you

the shop,"
A brief slience ensued, then a vol-

TURKEY COULDN'T TALK.

the chancery court attacking the con-stitutionality of the act creating the commission form of government and asking that E. H. Crump and the other commissioners be restrained from ex-ercising the functions of their offices. The bill was filed by Fitzhugh & Biggs, attorneys for the petitioners. Frank Taylor, superintendent of the Frank Taylor, superintendent of the City hospital, procured a temporary injunction through Judge Jacob S. Galloway, of the probate court, restraining Alvin S. Tate from assuming that office, Taylor ordered Tate out of his office in the hospital when Tate reported for duty. The case will be heard on its merits in a short time.

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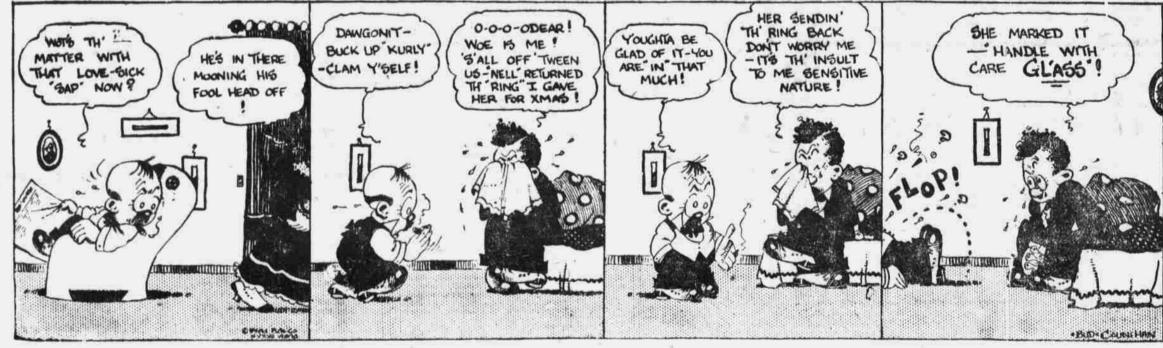
# BRINGING UP FATHER—By George McManus



LITTLE MARY MIXUP -She's Game, for Anything



THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY -An' Use No Hooks, Too



JOE'S CAR-Well, Joe, Make Alterations on Your Feet



Twice Told Tales News of Memph

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Edward H. Crump, first mayor of Memphis under commission form of government, who took office today, started to work carlier than any previous mayor save D. P. Hadden. The mayor is installed in his new office in the new \$1,600,000 courthouse on the second floor. Levi P. Morton was inaugurated gov-ernor of New York, flov. Flower extend-ing a formal welcome to his successor in office. Brother Maurellan has returned to

work earlier than any previous mayor save D. P. Hadden. The mayor is installed in his new office in the new \$1,600,000 courthouse on the second floor.

The commissioners under the new city government were assigned as follows: Edward H. Crump, mayor and commissioner of public affairs and health. J. Marlin Speed. vice-mayor and commissioner of public affairs and health. J. Marlin Speed. vice-mayor and commissioner of fire and police; George C. Love, commissioner of streets, bridges and sewers; Thomas Dies, commissioner of accounts, linance and revenue. The following important nominations have been made C. M. Bryan, city attorney; P. Harry Kelly, city ludge, Ennis M. Douglass, city elerk; Dr. M. Goltman, superintendent of public health W. C. Davis chief of police, W. J. Hayes, in spector of police; O. H. Perry and John McFadden, chief of fire department.

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## THE HASKIN LETTER BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—if your life, fortune, or happiness depended on knowing the date and place of your birth, could you prove by official record these facts of your existence?

Probably not; for so recently as 1916 only 12 states registered births satisfactorily, and before 1960 very few states kept complete records of vital statistics.

The importance of birth and death registration is shown by instances that occur every day. There is the ancient story of an American in Europe who was prohibited from marrying a French girl hecause he could not prove to the authorities that he had been born.

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How W. C. P. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and Mrs. Breckenridge are in the city, stopping at the Peabody hotel. Col. Breckenridge is here to deliver a lecture. In an interview he said he would be a candidate for the United States senate.

CREDIT WASN'T GOOD.

One hot day in summer a grave digger was very busy, so he sent his half-wited son to the "pub" for some refreshments and told him to tell the publican that he would pay him when be got finished.

The father asked him why he did not get the refreshments.

The boy said: "Because he chased ne when I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when hem I told him that you would pay him when you come out of the grave."

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Many thousands of preventable deaths occur in the United States every year. This means that our knowledge of sanitation, surgery and science is not used as efficiently as it might be. One reason for this is that health officials and doctors can not attack disease until they know of its existence. If a typhold epidemic starts in a neighborhood, and there is no law or local regulation to make the doctors report cases, the disease may spread all over the town before the city officials are aware of its seriousness. Whereas if doctors report promptly the first cases, the health officer can warn the people as to precautions against the disease, and can investigate and attempt to remove the cause.

To report each disease handled is

ods of combating disease will be dis-cussed. ond, how many people would you say died in this city last year?"

To the first question all five replied that the health of the city was good. The guesses as to the number of deaths in a year varied from 60 to 300. The suswers showed how little the people of the city knew of their local health situation, for the death figure that year was 508, making the death rate almost double the rate for the United States in general.

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Once a city is aware of its deficien-cies, it can start a campaign to over-come them. Without accurate statis-tics as a guide any drive for better health is apt to be ineffectual.

The United States is apparently less interested in keeping tab on its population than the countries of Europe. lation than the countries of Europe. Once in 10 years, a census enumerator knocks at each door and obtains a few facts as to the inhabitants of the United States, and then for the next 10 years the census bureau issues reports and estimates based mainly on this set of figures. We do not know how many children are born every year in the United States, and we do not know accurately how many people die every year. If we knew these things, and the causes and circumstances, we could add 15 years to the average life—at least so some statisticians claim.

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is more hopeful than ever before. More states are added to the registration area every year, and better more uniform laws are enacted. Moreover, it should not be forgotten that some states have remarkable records of vital statistics, a few even dating back to colonial times.

Only according to returns on disease and death can a city judge of its health status. That the people in general are calmly unconscious of health conditions in their community unless statistics are brought to their attention was shown by a North Carollina health official some time ago. This official telephoned to five prominent citizens, all interested in the city's welfare, and asked them to answer official telephones would be aftered as to whether a federal law some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control a reflection on their ability. Besides, the argument is started as to whether a federal law would be a federal law. The wisdom of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal and wisdom of this, however, is doubtful, as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal and wisdom of this, however, is doubtful, as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control are federal law. The wisdom of this, however, is doubtful, as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal and wisdom of this, however, is doubtful, as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control are federal law. The wisdom of this, however, is doubtful, as some of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal and wisdom of the states have excellent laws and might consider federal control are flection on their ability. Besides, the argument of the argument of the argument is started as to whether a federal law would be a federal law. The wisdom of this, however, is doubtful.